of unspent balance, shortage of faculty, limit fixed in the block grants scheme and non-implementation of Oversight Committee recommendation for reservation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Centrally Funded Institutions (CFIs). In order to improve the utilization of allocations, efforts are made to fix Budget Estimates and Plan Revised Estimates, keeping in view the status of unspent balance and other requirements of the CFIs.

Assistance to voluntary organisations under SSA

4005. SHRIGIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many voluntary organisations were provided assistance under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan by the Ministry during the last three years; and

(b) the number and the details of blocks and villages in Andhra Pradesh where this abhiyan is being conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) During the last three years 36 voluntary organisations spread over the country were provided assistance under the scheme "Innovative and Experimental Education" of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan by the Ministry.

(b) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is being implemented in all districts of the country, including Andhra Pradesh.

Industrial training centres in Maharashtra

4006. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has decided to set up 20 Industrial Training Centres for the minority students in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the permission has also been given for 94 religious minority organisations and 74 language minority organisations among which 68 organisations belong to Muslim community; and

(d) if so, by when these Centres are likely to be started and whether different minority Students would also be enrolled in these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to information furnished by the Ministry of Labour and Employment (DGE&T), under whose purview the subject of Industrial Training Centres/Institutes fall, the State Government of Maharashtra has a proposal of setting up of 20 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for the Minorities. According to that Ministry, the State Government has also given permission to 36 Industrial Training Centres (ITCs) of Minority organizations out of which 19 belong to the Muslim community, all of which have become functional.